**Cotton Cultivation in Andhra Pradesh**

676. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total area under cotton cultivation in Andhra Pradesh during the years 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87;

(b) whether it is a fact that the area under cotton cultivation in Andhra Pradesh has been decreasing continuously;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) and (b) Table below gives area under cotton cultivation in Andhra Pradesh during the past few years:—

(Lakh Hectares)

| Year | Area |
|---|---|
| 1983-84 | 4.77 |
| 1984-85 | 5.54 |
| 1985-86 | 6.00 |

on the basis of preliminary assessment, the area is assessed to be about 3.71 lakh hectares for 1986-87.

It is evident that the area under cotton cultivation in Andhra Pradesh has not been decreasing continuously; on the other hand it had shown increasing tendency upto the year 1985-86.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

**Schemes for Poultry, Sheep and Piggery Development**

677. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to sponsor some schemes/projects on poultry, sheep and piggery development in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and the amount earmarked for those schemes/projects; and

(c) the details of such scheme, if any, already sponsored and the amount already spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have approved the proposals in respect of the following schemes for implementation during Seventh Five Year Plan:

(i) A Central Sector Scheme to subsidise differential rate of interest on capital investment in cold storages. Under this scheme, it is proposed to subsidise upto a maximum of 8 per cent per annum with a ceiling upto Rs. 5.00 lakhs on the interest payable on the bank credit on the capital investments in favour of State level Poultry Corporations/Federations and similar other organisations. The proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has not been received.

(ii) A Central Sector Scheme for the establishment of Backward Poultry Production Units for the benefit of rural poor and providing employment opportunities to women in backward, tribal and other remote areas. The beneficiaries of the scheme shall be only women from rural poor in backward, tribal and other remote areas. Rs. 3.3 lakhs has been earmarked in favour of Andhra Pradesh in this scheme. The proposal from the State Government has not received.

(iii) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme to provide financial assistance to National and State level